

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6–10, 12–13, 19–25, 35–40, 44 and 47–64 were previously pending in this Application. Claims 19–24 and 35–40 were previously withdrawn and claims 2–5, 11, 14–18, 26–34, 42–43 and 45–46 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 41 remains allowed.

Applicants have now added new claim 65 and canceled all remaining pending claims, namely 1, 6–10, 12–13, 19–25, 35–40, 44 and 47–64, without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 65 is similar to those that have been under examination but further includes those elements determined by the Examiner, in his statement of reasons for allowance of claim 41, to be absent from the prior art. *See* Office Action, 3/22/07, pp. 20–21. Accordingly, the presence of that aspect renders new claim 65 patentable and, in light of the prosecution to date, it can be allowed without the need for a new search. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and respectfully request reconsideration of the Application and allowance of claim 65 in view of these amendments and remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 6, 8–9, 12, 25, 44 and 47–64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of various combinations of U.S. Patent No. 6,649,220 B1 to Krueger et al., WO 00/21684 to Krueger et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,876,760 to Rabourn and U.S. Patent No. 4,564,410 to Clitheros et al. In light of Applicants' cancellation of these claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Office Action rejections are now moot.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of this Application.

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